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The " Artha Sadhaka Patrika " Office,

Basavangudi Post, Bangalore city.

Dated 19th July 1934.

To

The Secretary to the Government

of H.H.The Maharaja of Mysore,

Legislative Department,

Bangalore .

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Sir,

I am in receipt of your D.O.communication bearing No.P 322 and dated the 16th instant concerning the " Artha Sadhaka - Patrika." It lays two charges against me:-

(1) That I have not " heeded " some suggestions made to me by the Second Member of Council " with regard to the preparation " of the Patrika; and

(2) That I have not been issuing the journal regularly.

In regard to the first point, I should like to say that the Second Member's suggestions were made to me in October and that in the issues published subsequently the suggestions have been carried out as far as possible. I can honestly say that in the selection of subjects for articles, I have from the very beginning considered their educative value as of the highest importance, and I do not feel that I have in any way departed from the sprit or even the letter either of my own application to Government for the privilege of editing the Patrika or that of the G.O. transferring its management to me. And I may add that I am - supported in my view by the testimonies that I have received from several of my readers among whom are not a few scholars and - public men of note, as well as from the press.

In regard to second point, I have explained the circumstance of the delay in my letter to the Dewan dated the 18th June and in my letter of the same date to the Secretary to Government a also to the Second Member of Council in the course of an interview some time later. I have nothing to add to those explanations; and I would only take leave to express my surprise here that after them, a letter worded like the one under reply shou

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should have been sent to me.

I am thus unable to bring myself to agree that " There has been a distinct violation of the contract " on my part. However, the favour that now remains for me to beg of Government is that they may be pleased to treat the unexpired part of the contract (that is, for the period beginning with the current year) as cancelled. If Government's view had been indicated to me earlier, some labour and expense could have been saved; for, as stated in my letter of the 18th June referred to above, I have in the meantime, in the anticipation of the early sanction of the request made therein, had the issues for January and February last printed. I shall consider it a great obligation if you would kindly arrange immediately to receive back from me the articles of furniture etc., lent to me as belonging to the " Patrika " office.

May I, in conclusion, beg you to be so good as to convey my respectful thanks to Government for all their kindness to me in this connection?

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

D.V.G.